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C O N F I D E N T I A L KADUNA 1194

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, PDEV, NI

SUBJECT: KANO MCAS PROTEST AGAIN

REF: A. LAGOS 10995, B. KADUNA 1077

1. THE STANDARD FROM JOS REPORTED AUGUST 31 THAT KANO MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY (MCA) HAD RELEASED AN OPEN LETTER TO HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO AUGUST 30 CRITICIZING THE NEW CONSTITUTION. THE LETTER REPORTEDLY ACCUSED THE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT OF USURPING THE POWERS OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND SAID, "WITH ALL THE DEFECTS ALREADY POINTED OUT, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE DOCUMENT, AS IT IS NOW, DOES NOT ENJOY THE RESPECT, CONKIDENCE AND ACCEPTABILITY OF NIGERIANS."

2. ON SEPTEMBER 1 CONSULATE OFFICERS DISCUSSED THE STATEMENT WITH KANO MCA ALHAJI HASSAN HADEJIA WHO SAID PURPOSE WAS TO GO ON RECORD OPPOSING SHARIA PROVISIONS OF CONSTITUTION. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT "WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THE MILITARY BOYS ANY REASON TO STAY IN POWER." HASSAN ALSO ECHOES THE FAMILIAR ESTABLISHMENT REFRAIN THAT WE WILL LIVE WITH THE SITUATION AND FIGHT THE BATTLE UNDER THE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT.

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3. COMMENT: GIVEN THE APPARENTLY REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE OF THE KANO MCAS WE HAD ASSUMED THEIR STATEMENT REPRESENTED SOMETHING OF A SPLIT WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT. FURTHER OBFUSCATING THE ISSUE IS THAT ALHAJI BELLO MAITAMA YUSUF, ANOTHER KANO MCA WHO SIGNED STATEMENTS, IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT WHICH APPEARS TO BE THE FUTURE POLITICAL

PARTY OF THE NORTHERN ESTABLISHMENT. AT THIS POINT ALL WE  
CAN CONCLUDE IS THAT LIKE ANY GOOD POLITICAL PARTY  
THERE ARE FACTIONS WITHIN THE MOVEMENT AND AT LEAST SOME  
OF THE KANO GROUP, REPRESENTED BY THE MCAS ARE NOT TOTALLY  
HAPPY WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT LINE.  
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